THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A model scheme for grievance redressal procedure for staff and officers of the Public Sector Undertakings has been evolved by the Bureau of Public Enterprises. The scheme provides for setting up of grievance redressal committee at Unit/Regional level.

(b) and (c) A provision has been made in the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 to bring Public Sector Undertakings|Corporations | Societies under the Central Government, within the purview of the Central Administrative Tribunal by issue of a notification under section 14(2) of the Administrative Tribunals Act. The issue of such a notification covering Public Sector Undertakings may be considered by the Government when the Tribunal is fully equipped to take on the extra work load.

3141. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1988*]

Public Grievances Committee

3142. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Public Grievances Committees at all the district headquarters in the country; and

(b) if so, by what date the process is likely to be completed and if not, what are the reasns therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The responsibility to set up Public Grievances Committees at the District level is directly of the State Governments. However, according to the information available, several States|Union Territories have set up Committees at the District level specifically to deal with public grievances. The Government of India has urged the State Governments from time to time to strengthen their machinery for redressal of public grievances. Recenly, Government of India has been organising workshops for Collectors on responsive district administration, in the course of which also, the need for ensuring a viable Grievances Redressal Committees at the district level has been stressed.

Schemes to minimise wasteful expenditure

3143. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are proposed to be taken to avoid such a situation as reported in the UNI Report, dated the 24th January, 1988 captioned "Project delays cost Rs. 15000 crores";

(b) whether as brought out in the above news item the reasons are mainly administrative lapses in taking decisions of various factors like project clearance, availability of import licences and similar reasons to avoid waste of such colossal ascarce resources; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme to minimise the wasteful expenditure and if so, what are the salient features?